

Amendments to the Abstract

Please replace the abstract on page 17 with the following:

An angioplasty catheter and method for making and using the same. ~~The present invention relates generally to intravascular catheters. More particularly, the present invention pertains to angioplasty catheters with a support block. According to a preferred embodiment, an~~ An angioplasty catheter comprises an inner tube having a proximal end, a distal end, and a lumen extending therethrough; an outer tube disposed over the inner tube, the outer tube having a proximal end and a distal end; a balloon coupled to the distal end of the outer tube; an inflation lumen defined between the inner tube and the outer tube, the inflation balloon in fluid communication with the balloon; and a support block coupled to the inner tube. In addition, a method for manufacturing an angioplasty catheter is disclosed.